For New York and Its Vicinity:

Partly cloudy; winds shifting to sortherly.

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HURRICANE SPINS THE STICES OFF SEWALL'S SHIP SOLITAIRE.

All A.wreck Aloft, She was Towed 450 Miles to This Port - Steamship Rosse Got Two Bad Buffets from the Same Storm-A Sea Telephone-A Collision

The stout caken Yankes clipper ship Solitaire, which sailed on Sept. 19 from the Delaware Breakwater for San Francisco, low-laden with general cargo, and a vision of nautical strength and grace, came in here ingioriously yesterday in tow of the British steamship West Indian, with only the stumps of her fore and misses masts standing, her mainmast gone, her ralls broken, and two of her boats stove. No squarerigger that has come into this port for many years has been so badly smashed aloft as the olitaire. Her down-East skipper, Capt. E. H. Thompson, marvelled that no one was hurt in the tumult that stripped the ship of spars and canvas and flooded her decks for nearly half a

The Captain knew by the falling glass on Tuesday evening last, when he was 450 miles east-southeast of Sandy Hook, that a big blow was coming. He recognized the premonitory signs of a West Indian cyclone, and shortened sail to meet it. On Wednesday morning the wind was blowing a gale from northeast. The ship was on the port tack, smashing into a heavy southeast sea, under reefed fore and main lower topsails. Combers frequently broke clear over the ice rail and swept across the duck.

All hands were below except the skipper and the men at the wheel at 7:30 o'clock on Wednesday night, when a hurricane squall struck the ship and whisked out the three topmasts and the heads of the main and mizzen. The board side in the taugle of spars, sails, shrouds, and stays. The men below were temporarily demoralised by the havoo. They did not redemoralised by the havoc. They did not respond to the cry of "All hands on deck!" and the Captain and mate had to rout them out. Even then they could do little to clear away the wreckage, which, hell by steel stays and shrouds, threatened to pound in the ship's starboard side. The scale began to moderate a bit after midnight, but there was still a heavy swell, and as the ship rolled in the trough she ecooped in tons of water that made work on deck hazardous.

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The crew were nearly panic-stricken at J c'clock on Thursday morning by the failings, the foreyard, which broke in half and cracked on the deck. The accident had been expected by the skipper, and all hands were att. Three hours later, the mainmast, which was supported only by slack and broken shrouds, went over the port side as the ship rolled to port. Much of the wreckage that had been pounding against the starboard side was held by shrouds and tays that had become entangled in the main rigging, and when the big stick toppied, it araged a mass of wreckage back on board, making a mighty racket.

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More than half the crew ran for shelter. Some hid themselves and did not respond to the call for duty until they were hunted out.

The sea became calmer, and before noon all hands were clearing away the wreckage and setting rigging. The skipper decided to try to creep nearer to port under jury rig. The only sail that had not been carried away was furled en the cross fack yard. He knew that it would take him many days to rig frail jury masts, and many more days to get within the towboat limit of Sandy Hook, so he decided to burn torches and Coston lights by night and let the wreck speak for herself at day. The pumps were sounded and showed that the ship was tight.

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At 2 o'clock on Friday morning the skipper made out the lights of a steamship to the southward. She was the West Indian, bound from New Orleans to Liverpool. The West Indian had seen the blue lights and torches on the dismasted Vances and had headed for her. Mate John C. McGuinness of the Solitaire was rowed to the West Indian at 3:30 o'clock on Friday morning with instructions to make a bargain with Capt. Campbell of the West Indian to tow the disabled clipper into the nearest American port. At first Capt. Thompson merely signalled that he wished to be reported, trying to bluff the Briton into the belief that the Yankee skipper thought he could make port without help. Capt. Campbell wouldn't make a bargain with the Solitaire's mate, so Capt. Thompson, as he had agreed with the mate to do in case the Briton was obdurate, set a pennant on the stump of his mirzen saying. Yes." That meant that the Yankee was willing to pay for the towing job whatever, the court may award the West Indian, which will not be less than five figures.

The Captain's wife and his daughter Emily came up on deck for the first time since the storm began to see the men of the West Indian run a stout steel hawser from the steamship's stern to the clipper's bow. The hawser heavy iron cable, and, at 7 A. M., the ships were under way. They dropped anchor off Quarantine at 6 o'clock last svening.

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STEAMSHIP IN THE SAME BLOW.

The Lamport & Holt line steamship Rosse, which arrived yesterday from Brazilian ports, fan into the same cyclone that knocked out the Solitaire. She steamed directly through the heart of the great swirl and caught its full force on two sides. On Sept. 18, two days after leaving St. Lucia, she was struck by a northwest blast, which shifted to northeast, and finally to southeast.

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For fifteen hours the Rosse was battered by
the combers. Her lower deck was under water
a good deal of the time. At night a big sea
came over the weather bow and carried away a
part of the bridge, smashed the starboard side
light, and broke the engine room skylights,
flooding the engine room.

Two of the boats were stove and a part of the
starboard rail was carried away. On Wednesday, somewhere this side of Bermuda-exactly
where Capt. Allen doesn't know, as he hadn't
been able to take an observation for several
days-the Rosse got another lambasting that
lasted only ten hours, but was much neavier
that the first. The signal gear connecting
the bridge with the engine room was
wrecked, the starboard half of the bridge
was carried away, two more lifeboats
were broken and the wheel house was smashed.
The chief officer says he couldn't count the seas
that leaped as high as the bridge, and that the
men on duty there feared to lash themselves, as
they didn't know when the whole structure
might be swent away. They simply had to stick
to the bridge and dodge the cataracts.

Four men were stationed on the lee side from
the bridge to the engine room, and over this
human telephone the Captain gave orders to
the engine room. When the sea that ruined
the bridge leaped aboard Chief Engineer Nevile
and Seaman Young were on deck.

They were hit by a part of the wave and
knocked up against the deck house. Young's
left leg was badly hurt, and Nevillie was isid up
for several hours with bruises about the body.

The Rosse's cargo shifted, and she came in
with a list of ten degrees to port.

HEAD-ON COLLISION IN PORT. Less than two miles above the place where the dismasted Solitaire anchored, two broken-bowed British steamships, the Stag line freighter Nymphie, and the tramp May, lay within halling distance of each other after the fog rose yesterday morning. They had met in the Swash Channel, near the bell buoy, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

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The Nymphe was bound in from the Mediterranean with a cargo of sulphur and dried fruits and the May was bound out for fiaranquilla. Capt. Munro of the Nymphe says that when he passed the Hook, at 6:30 A. M. a thick fog set in. He dropped anchor near the Romer Beacon. The air had cleared a bit at 9:30 and he proceeded slowly up the Swash. Capt. Munro and the pilot, who had been taken aboard at 4 A. M., were on the bridge, and there were lookouts on the forecastle head.

Capt. Munro says he heard whistles all around him, and that he reduced speed to about two knots. One of the lookouts shouted that there was a steamship on the starboard bow, close aboard. The Nymphe sengines were reversed at full speed. The May loomed out of the mist before the Nymphe was making sternway, and the steamships came together bow on. Ten feet of the Nymphe's culwater was carried away. The port anchor was broken off just below the stock, and one of the flukes was driven through the bow near the port hawse hole. A big section of the port rail of the Mymphe's bow plates.

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As McCoy, a boy, was asleep in the foreWhen the Nymphe appeared, the May, skipper says, was so close to the edge of the

channel that he could not clear the Nymphe without grounding. The May blew three whistles, indicating to the Nymphae that she had reversed her engines and the Nymphe responded with three. Way was not spent on atthree way.

reversed her engines and the Nymphe responded with three. Way was not spent on either boat.

The Nymphae's bow ripped three feet from the May's cutwater and tore a rent ten feet high and twenty-five feet long from the stem aft. Two firemen who were in the forecastle scrambled through the opening up to the deck, badly frightened, but unhur.

The boy Mctoy was buried under a pile of wrsckage. His shipmates brought a stretcher to take his body ou deck. After they had lifted a mass of wood and from off him, he surprised them by jumping up, spitting out several teeth, wiping the blood from his face, and remarking: "I saw the steamship coming." He was not much hurt.

SLEUTHS ON A FALSE CLUE.

A French Conent and Mis Wife Mistaken for a Couple of Riopers.

When the steamship La Bretagne from Havre arrived at her pier yesterday two detectives, representing a local firm of lawyers, rushed up the ganeway and began to scrutinize the pas-sengers who stood about on the deck waiting their turn to go ashore. They had with them photographs of George Charpentier, a French artist, and of Mme. Alice Dupont, a couple who were said to have eloped and to have taken passage for America on La Bretagne. Charpentier was said to have left a wife and Mme. Du-pont a husband in Paris. M. Dupont's lawyers had cabled to this side to have the elopers ar rested upon their arrival here.

Not finding any persons among La Bretagne's passengers who resembled the photographs in their possession, the detectives finally told an officer of the ship that they were looking for M. Charpentier and the woman who accompanied

Charpentier and the woman who accompanied him.

"There they are," said the officer pointing to a lady and gentleman who were standing near the rail.

The detectives approached M. Charpentier, and, tapping him upon his shoulder, said that shey wanted him and the woman.

"What for?" asked the Frenchman in evidently unfeigned surprise.

"Oh, if we gre not mistaken," said one of the sleutha, "you have taken the lady at your side away from her lawful husband in France and elong with her to New York."

The that M. Charpentier was astonished which be putting it mildly. He was dumfounded.

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"Be; you are George Charpentier, the artist, ans we want you," was the reply.

Alight dawned upon Mr. Charpentier.

"On," he said, "you detectives have made a mistake. "My names is Jules C. Charpentier.

There is no George in my name. I am not an artist. I am a merchant, doing business in Mexico, where I have the honor to be Consul for France. This lady with me is not Mme. Dupont; she is my wife. We are not elopers. I have my credentials with me. Do you wish to examine them?"

The detectives did not care to see the credentials. They simply said, "Pardon us; we have made a great mistake," and, touching their hats, they backed away and slipped ashore, looking very sheepish.

A CONDUCTOR'S MISTAKE.

He Was Sent Sprawling from a Car by a Young Woman He Annoyed.

There is a smooth-shaven smug-faced young onductor on the Broadway cable road who is fresh. No other word exactly describes the state of self-satisfaction which causes him to go through the performances by which he diverts or disguets his passengers, according to their mood and their advancement in philosophy.

Not many things disturb this conductor. It takes a solid blow to jolt him. He got one last night that he will remember probably for two or three days. A young woman gave it to hima trim, well-kept young woman, who looked as if the understood herself and who demonstrated that she had the courage of her convictions.

She stood on the crossing at Twenty-ninth street and signalled to the gripman as the car was going up town about half past 6 o'clock. The fresh conductor saw her, and, as the car stopped, he stepped down to help her on. He took an emphatic grip on her elbow and gave her a shove that might have been understood as a polite attention in some quarters. It nearly threw the young woman off her feet. She stumbled into the doorway, and as she recovered, the fresh conductor jumped up on the step and signalled to the gripman to go ahead. As he pulled the bell strap the indignant young woman turned on him.

"How are you Alice?" asked the fresh con-

"How are you Alice?" asked the fresh conductor, with a self-satisfied smile.

"Take that from Alice." answered the young woman, and she caught the fresh conductor a straight, right-arm jabon the law that sent him clear off the car, scrambling on the Beigian blooks. He picked himself up and chased after the car. The young woman sat down with an expression absolutely, unindicative of emetion. She seemed utterly oblivious of the admiration of the other passespars.

fresh conductor sulked all the way to

DROWNED WHILE ESCAPING A MOB. Edward Wald Injured His Son Mortally and a Crowd Tried to Lynch Him.

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 27.-Just before dark o-night Edward Wald, a ship carpenter, residing at 53 Mulberry street, narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of a mob of west side ditirens and drowned himself. Wald came home drunk, quarrelled with his wife, and finally

struck ner. The 14-year-old son, Edward, seized his ather's arm, whereupon Wald threw the boy down the stairway leading to the street, a distance of twenty feet. The little fellow acreamed for help and rolled out of the open doorway

Dr. C. A. Turner was summoned to attend the boy and a crowd quickly collected. Father Mcboy and a crowd quickly collected. Father McHale was hastened to the scene and administered the last rites to the dying boy.

Meanwhile the crowd increased to a mob.
The sight of the boy goaded the men to fury.
Forty men forced their way into the house to
drag out Wald.

Others were sent for a rope. Wald had locked
himself in a bedroom. The door was broken
open and he was dragged into the street, fighting desperately.

The police arrived before the rope appeared,
The mob gave battle to the police. During the
scrimmage the prisener broke loose and ran
down an alley toward the river.

The mob was close at his heels. He plunged
into the muddy water of the Cuyahoga and was
drowned. The boy will die, and the wife's injuries may also prove, fatat.

THREE MEN IN A BOAT UPSET.

They Managed to Hang on to the Boat and Were Rescued by the Life Savers.

The sailboat Flyaway, in which were Heinrich Hyman of this city and Frederick Hagenmeister and Max Pennenberger of Astoria, was upset in the Sound yesterday off the Hallett's upset in the Sound yesterday off the Hallett's Point lighthouse. The party was just returning from a fishing trip up the Sound. When opposite the lighthouse the boat was caught in the swift current of Heil Gate, and in an instant she was completely overturned.

The accident was witnessed by Capt. Jacob Seelig and Lieut. Daniel J. itvan of the life-saving station, and they immediately launched a boat. The three fishermen managed to cling to the overturned Fiyawav until the life saverached them and they were taken aboard. They were landed at the foot of East Eighty fourth aireet. Hyman was exhausted, but after working on him for thirty minutes the life savers managed to resuscitate him.

Trolley Car Passengers Hurt in a Panic. The blowing out of the fuse caused a panic in

sectedy avenue, Brooklyn, on Saturday night. Jured.

Mrs. Renie Condit of 48 Liberty avenue received a sprained ankle, and Mrs. Margaret Carney of 4 Hamilton street. Cypress Hills, was so severely bruised that she had to be taken to St. John's Hospital.

How to Bet on a Sure Thing

The man who bets his money at the prevailing odds f 2 to 1 on William J. Bryan is a clumsy fluancier.
If he believes what Bryan says, the thing for him to do is to invest the money he wants to bet in silve builion and hold it until after election. Then if Bryan wins, and Bryan tells the truth, every dollar's worth of builton will not him two dollars. If he ioses the gambler can sell his silver builton for what he paid

DANFORTH IS IN THE LEAD.

"MAY BE COMPELLED" TO RUN IN PLACE OF THACHER.

Sinjin Enews, but He Won't Tell Until Bryan Gets Rere To-day - Popocratic Committee Meets To-night - Danforth 'Phones to Hill'- Gots Many Telegrams, "Who's to be the candidate for Governor in place of Thacher?" asked a Sun reporter yes-terday of the Hon. William P. St. John at Popocratic headquarters in the Hotel Bartholdi.



"I am not ready to divulge his name," replied Mr. St. John. "In fact, I haven't made up my mind. Bryan will be here at 4:30 tonorrow afternoon. Come and see me then." "But folks are greatly interested in the mat-

ter," suggested the reporter.
"Ah," rejoined Mr. St. John, "I am well aware of that, but I am not conveying information on that subject to-day. They'll have to wait. I'd like to accommodate the people, but I must really keep my lips scaled."

The Hon. Elliot Danforth, Chairman of the Popocratic State Committee, didn't visit the Bartholdi. He remained at the Hotel Endicott, up on Columbus avenue and Eighty-second street, and used the long-distance telephone to Senator Hill's home in Albany. In the evening Mr. Danforth talked with Bernard J. York, who had talked with Senator Hill at Wolfert's Roost on Saturday. It was pointed out that Judge Wilbur F. Porter of Watertown has not yet accepted the nomination of the Buffalo Convention for Lieutenant-Governor.

Judge Porter has left this leeway for himself

in case he is promoted to be the candidate for Governor. But, according to the best information last night, there is little chance of Judge Porter being made the candidate for Governor. The drift was all in favor of Mr. Danforth, and, according to those who know, Mr. St. John was as efficient in promoting the aforesaid drift as a rat-tail file in a barrel of water.

Telegrams from all over the State continued to pour in upon Mr. Danforth at the Hotel Endicotturging him to become the candidate in place of Thacher. Many telegrams of like character were received at the Hotel Bartholdi. They were promptly sent up to Mr. Dauforth. These telegrams, the long-distance talks over the telephone with Senator Hill, the talk with Mr. York, and incidental influences led Mr. Danforth to say last night:

"These telegrams urging me to be the candidate come from all over the State. I am thoroughly satisfied with my present position, but my friends tell me if the telegrams keep up and the sentiment should become unanimous. I should no doubt be comeelled to accept the nomination. That is the situation to-night."

Mr. Danforth has always been a friend of Senator Hill. Mr. Bryan is exceedingly grateful to Mr. Danforth for presiding at the Madson Square notification ceremonies. But Danforth is first, last, and all the time the friend of Hill. Danforth is very highly considered by Tammany and the Kings County Democracy. Danforth, if he accepts the nomination, will write no such letter as that put forth by Thacher.

It is exceedingly doubtful if he would put out any letter at all. He would be the candidate of the Buffalo Convention just the same, and the platform of that Convention endorses everything that was done at Chicago. Senator Hill date come from all over the State. I am thorthe Buffalo Convention just the same and the platform of that Convention endorses everything that was done at Chicago. Senator Hill and Mr. Danforth have both admitted to their friends that there is no possibility of the Buffalo candidates carrying the State this fall, but some one must step into the breach and "preserve the regularity of the State organization." There were those yesterday who declared that this organization, together with the organizations of Tammany and the Kings County Democracy, are now but mere shells which are to be completely smashed by the Sound-money Democrate on election day.

The Popocratic State Committee is to meet in the Hotel Bartholdi at 8 o'clock to-night and name the candidate for Governor in place of Thacher. In any event, it was said, Mr. Danforth will not resign his place as Chairman of the committee.

COLLISION IN CENTRAL PARK.

Wagon and Cab Come Together-Wagon Driver Perhaps Fatally Injured.

A collision occurred on the East Drive of Central_Park in the neighborhood of Eighty-eighth street yesterday afternoon which resulted in two men being injured, one perhaps fatally. Peter Morris of 103 West Tenth street, the driver of a hansom, collided with a light wagon driven by Henry Klaingst of 138 West Fifty-third street. In the hansom was Miss Hous-ton of 138 Fifth avenue. She escaped injur-and was taken home by a friend who was bass-ling by a striker.

and was taken home by a friend who was bassing in a carriage.

Klaingst was thrown from the wagon when the vehicles came together. Park Policeman Mulvey found him unconscious and sent him to the Presbyterian Hospital in a Park ambulance. It is believed that he has a fractured skull. At a late hour last night he had not recovered consciousness and it was feared that he would die. Morrit, the driver of the hansom, sustained contusions on the arm and shoulder. After having his injuries dressed by an ambulance surgeon he went home.

Klaingst's horse ran away and was captured at Ninety-accond street by Policeman Terpery, doth vehicles were smashed, and were removed to the Park stables, to which place the horses were taken.

ARRESTED THE MISSIONARY. Policeman Said He Was Blocking the Side

walk-Sergeant Let Rim Go. The Rev. F. J. Reeves, a missionary, of 532 Rockaway avenue, Brooklyn, was arrested yes-terday afternoon while preaching to a crowd of people' near Evergreens Cemetery. For several weeks complaints have been made at the Ralph avenue police station concerning the crowds which congregated near the cemetery entrance. When Policeman Lillienthal went on his post, which embraces the cemetery entrance, yesterday afternoon he had instructions to keep the crowds moving. The missionary took up a position on the stoop of a house, and when he began to preach a crowd gathered. The policeman ordered the preacher to move on so as to get rid of the crowd. Reeves declined to leave the spot, and told the policeman that he had a right to conduct a religious service. The policeman arrested him for obstructing the sidewalk and took him to the station house, where the missionary declared that his arrest was an outrage. Reeves showed a permit from Superintendent arckeivey which gave him the right to conduct open-air services on Sunday. Sergeant Barr promptly discharged him. crowds which congregated near the cemetery

ALLEGED WIRE TAPPERS NABBED They Were Arrested on the Roof of a Na

Central Office detectives arrested on Saturday William Griffin, a speculator, of 48 Clinton place; William Smith, a clerk, of 12 East 114th

place: William Smith, a clerk, of 12 East 114th street, and John Leonard, a picture frame maker, of 258 East Thirty-fourth street, on a charge of wire tapping. The arrests were made on the roof of a building in Nassati street, near Fulton street.

Detectives McCarthy, Carlin, and Cain heard that wire tapping was being carried on in that vicinity and have been trying to run down the offenders. They were told on Saturday that the men named were on the roof of the building, and managed to take them prisoners. They got no evidence. The men were remanded to Police Headquarters from the Jefferson Market Court, yesterday to give the detectives time to look for avidence.

CANVASS OF ALL THE STATES. New York Life's 18.513 Correspondents Say Bryan's Beaten.

President John A. McCall of the New York Life Insurance Company is keeping tab on the political situation in all the States in a novel way. Beginning with Sept. 1. President McCall requested his correspondents in all the States to send to New York their opinions, based on the best facts they could get, as to how the State each one wrote from would vote in November. Up to Saturday Mr. McCall had received 12.513 letters.

The following table shows how the 12,513

correspondents think the States are going. In Alabama, for instance, 124 correspondents say the State will go Democratic, two say it will go Republican, and three say it will go Populist,

and so on with the other States:	
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Michigan 61	883
Minnesota 94	79
Mississippi 95 Missouri 687	107
Montana 13	101
Nebraska 61	88
Nevada 26	****
New Hampshire 7	41
New Jersey 89	404
New York	8,090
North Dakota 30	43
Ohio	474
Oregon 13	184
Pennsylvania 5	000
Rhode Island 1	8.0
South Carolina 59	1
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Texas	28
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Vermont	85
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necessary to choice, 224. It will be observed that the table does not

rive Minnesota and Kentucky to McKinley, and yet Joseph H. Manley, to whom the table was shown at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last night, "While that table is a very important one and

of great value in illuminating the actual situaof great value in illuminating the actual situation. I am confident that before the end of
October Mr. McCall's letters will demonstrate
that McKinlev is to have both Minnesota and
Kentucky. You will observe also in the table
that the vote in California is very close. Before
Mr. McCall's letters are ended be will find that
they will give McKinley that State also.

"The table is especially valuable, as it does not
record the wishes of politicians but the opinions of citizens who feel the pulses of their
neighbors. Then, too, you will observe in the
table that Delaware and Wyoming are on an
even keel. Before Mr. McCall's lotters are
ended those two States also will to found in the
McKinley column."

McKinjey column,"
Senator William B. Alitson of Iowa, who is always considered ultra conservative in his views,
has written to a friend in New York declaring
that his State will give McKinley 50,000

that his State will give McKinley 50,000 majority.

Ex-Congressman A. L. Conger of Ohio arrived at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last night. A month ago he was fearful of Ohio. Now, in his opinion, McKinley will sweep the State. "As for Illinois," added Col. Conger, "I have been through the State, and Aligeld and Bryan will be snowed under by 100,000 majority."

WEYLER'S CHIEF AIM.

He Will Bend All His Energies to Keeping

HAVANA, Sept. 23.-A total of 8.321 soldiers three days. A great many of these new troops are being sent to strengthen the Jucaro and Morow military line, where Gen. Weyler's attention is principally directed now, for he is determined to prevent Gen. Maximo Gome. from effecting a union with Gen. Maceo in the

oming campa gn. The general impression in military circles here is that while it is by no means sure that the trocha will interfere seriously with Gomez's plans, 25,000 or 30,000 men will have to be assigned to service on a line which goes through the most barren district in the island, where not even fresh water can be obtained, as there are almost no streams in that region, and vells dry up as soon as the rainy is over. Water will have to be brought from a long distance to the different forts along the line. But even this will not improve the situation very much, because the water from all

tion very much, because the water from all places within possible reach of the military line causes dysentery among the non-acclimated troops, as was the case during the ten years' war when this trocha was first built.

There is a report here that in compliance with Premier Canovas's instructions, Gen. Weyler will conceal all the details of his campaign against Gen. Macco in Pinar dei Rio, and whether he crushes the brave Cuban leader or Macco beats him, the official announcement will be made that a heavy blow has been inflicted upon the revolution.

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Spain will then assume the rôle of generosity, and declare that she will establish autonomy in Cuba. Although everybody here is persuaded that the patriots will not listen to any proposal which does not include independence, the Government wishes to try autonomy as a means to restore peace. It is too late for this.

The steamer Santo Domingo, which left here on Sept. 20, takes back to Spain two Captains, five Lieutenants, two physicians of the army Sanitary Corps, one pharmacist, thirty-one sailors, and 121 soldiers, all sick or wounded.

No evidence was found against José Antonio Gonzales Lanuza, Airredo Zayas, Pedro Becerra, and other prominent citizens recently arrested here on a charge of treason, but as Gen. Weyler was determined to get rid of them, whether guilty or not, he shipped them, without a trial to Spain, whence they will be taken to the penal settlements in the Chaffarine Islands.

Once more Spain has revealed that she is as weak as she is wicked. These men had no foreign nationality to protect them, and were, consequently, sent to a penitentiary. Yet their alleged crime was no other, than that of Hubert de Hancke, a Dutchman; Tolan, Delgado, and other American citizens, who have simply been ordered to leave the island.

José Lacz, a Cardens lawyer, was arrested here a few days ago as a political suspect.

CUT UP THE SPANIARDS.

Insurgents Kill or Would Twenty-seven to HAVANA, Sept. 27 .- Thirty-five Spanish vol-

unteers, commanded by Lieut. Romero, were surrounded by a superior force of insurgents as they were leaving the town of Quivican, province of Havana. A desperate fight ensued, the Spaniards at-

tempting to cut their way through the insurgents. Their efforts were without avail, but gents. Their efforts were without avail, but they did not cease to fight until twenty-three of their number were killed and four wounded. Among the killed was Lieut. Romero. The volunteers who escaped report that severe losses were inflicted on the insurgents.

Through the efforts of Cousul-General Lee an order has been issued by Captain-General Weyler directing the release of Samuel T. Tolson, the American citizen who was arrested recently on board the Ward line stasmer Seneca at this port. A condition statched to his release is that he snall leave the island on Wednesday next,

The Schooner Webster and 29 Men Lost, SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27 .- Capt. Scott of the chooner Herman, which has just returned from Kodiak with eighty-five otter akins, brought Edward F. Webster and the lives of the twenty-nine men she carried. The Webster was com-manded by Capt. Frank Johnson and her first officer was Guntave Weaver. She carried five hunters besides Capt. Johnson. CONEY'S ELEPHANT GCNE.

BURNED TO THE GROUND INSIDE OF HALF AN HOUR LAST NIGHT.

Pourteen Small Buildings Destroyed and the Sea Beach Palace Siightly Burned-For Ten Years the Elephant Was Censy Island's Most Famous Landmark.

The big wooden elephant at Coney Island was destroyed in less than half an hour last night by a fire which also wiped out fourteen other buildings and part of the Sea Beach Palace building. The fire was discovered at 1016 o'clock by a Coney Islander who was walking along Surf avenue, directly in front of the big elephant. He saw a thin line of flame running around underneath the howdah on the back of the elephant. The native yelled "Fire!" and a policeman sent in an alarm.

Meanwhile the flames had spread with start-

ling rapidity and it looked as if there was going to be another Coney Island conflagration. The big elephant, baked dry as tinder by the suns of ten summers, was transformed into a blazing furnace inside. There were two dry wooden floors, and the joists, crossbeams, and ribs which kept the big elephant together furnished excellent material for the flames. Fire and smoke belched forth from the big

eyes, mouth, and trunk, and from the windows in the sides and back of the big elephant. The fire seemed to have run through the body of the elephant in less than five minutes and then broke out all over the building.

It was a novel sight when the fire swept through the entire interior of the big building, and the fames which soared out through the top of the elephant's head and back illumined the sky and shed a glare over the Bowery and the ocean. eyes, mouth, and trunk, and from the windows

he ocean. All the Coney Islanders were gathered around the big building, bound to be in at the death. The Fire Department lost no time in getting to work, but the Chief saw there was no use trying to save the elephant and turned his attention to the surrounding buildings. The Coney Islanders formed bucket brigades and joined the Fire Department in preventing the spread of the flames.

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After the fire had bruned out the interior of the elephant the fiames burst up through the big howdah in the centre of its back, and soon it was noticed that the sides were caving in.

Boon a mighty orack appeared in the sides, the fiames burst out, and with a crash that sensparks and huge torches of flame flying around in every direction the big elephant collapsed.

The crowd not knowing what else to do cheered as the huge head and trunk sank back in the burning débris and were engulted. There was a strong off-shore breeze and after the collapse a shower of flaming brands was sent over on the roof of the Sea Beach Palace building which is also a wooden structure, and was one of the buildings at the Philadelphia Centennial. In amoment the tarred roof caught fire in the southwestern corner, and the firemen turned their streams on the Palace building, the upper portion of which is used as a hotel. They succeeded in checking the advance of the flames after a sharp fight.

The fire then ran around the big roller coaster which wound around the elephant building. This was also dry and the tracks were well greased, so that there was another display. Then the flames began to run through the row of two-story frame buildings in front of the elephant, facing on Surf avenue.

Most of these were used as stores and Raines law hotels, and the owners lived in apartments above. Fourteen of thees small buildings were destroyed before the firemen got around and stopped the spread of the fire on the avenue.

At one time the fire looked so threatening that all the hotel keepers on the Bowery, who had a disastrous experience with fire two years ago, got together all their ready cash and were ready to start for Brooklyn and New York on the last train.

By 10 'chock the stumps of the legs were all that was left of the famous old elephant, and these were fast disappearing, while a space around the front of it was a mass of glowing embers. After the fire had bruned out the interior of

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The flames swallowed up a dozen or more peanut, popeorn, and frankfurter stands and several smaller chanties in the grounds around the elephant which were used by fortune tellers and other fakirs during the summer.

At 11½ o'clock the firemen had the fire under control, and the Coney Islanders were holding a wake over the elephant.

The Elephant building was erected in 1880 by Messrs, Hall and Garrison, two enterprising Philadelphians, and at the time of its construction was proclaimed as one of the "wonders of America." It cost \$08,000, and was first opened as a hotel.

In the language of an old Coney Islander who saw the structure burned up last night, it was "a frost from the start."

When the owners failed to make it go as a hotel they turned it into an office building, but the scheme was not a success.

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For the past two years the building has been leaved to Lorenzo V. Shaw, who ran it simply as an attraction. Visitors paid an admission of ten cents to see the Elephant.

When the fire started there wasn't a stick of furniture in the building, and as no one was known to have been in it for several days. Fire Marshal Bryman is of the opinion that the blaze was the work of an incendiary.

While the fire lasted it was the most brilliant of all the many brilliant blazes which have at times devastated the Island, and the flames could be seen as far south as Sandy Hook. The Elephant was not insured.

TWO GEORGIA ASSASSINATIONS. Capt, Berry and a Mr. Silver Killed by Mer

Who Lay in Wait. SAVANNAH, Ga., Sept. 27.-Capt. George H. Berry of the Effingham Hussars, a company of the First Regiment, Georgia Cavalry, was as sassinated yesterday while on his way from Savannah to his home in Effingham county about thirty miles west of Savannah. His body about thirty miles west of Savannah. His body was found lying in the road about eight miles from the city. His head had been blown nearly off by a load of buckshot. Berry was riding in a burgy when, it is supposed, negroes concealed by the roadside fired on him. Berry reached for his pistol at the bottom of his burgy, but a second shot from the assassins struck him and he fell headlong to the ground. The motive for the killing is supposed to have been robbery.

SPARTA, Ga., Sept. 27.—D. Silver, a merchant, was assassinated on his way from his store shortly after dark last night. The assassin stepped from a dark alley and fired five shots into his victim's back. The murderer made his escape. He is supposed to be the brother of a negro now in jail for attempting to murder Mr. Silver a few weeks ago.

SAVED THREE MEN.

Yacht in Broad Channel,

ROCKAWAY BEACH, Sept. 27 .- Peter Fagan Jersey City, Frank McCormac and John Riley. vere saved from drowning this afternoon by Capt. John Edwards, who was coming up the channel when he saw them clinging to the side channel when he saw them clinging to the side of a capsized yacht. They were rapidly being carried toward the inlet by the strong ebb tide. He bore down on them and took them ashore, more dead than alive from the chilly water. The yacht belonged to John Bools of Canarsie. It was righted and taken ashore and Bools sent for. Fagan never sailed before, and when a souall hit the boat it was upset. None of the three could swim. They were cared for by Hog. est John Kelly, who has a hotel here, until they were able to return by evening train to be in homes. Riley lost a valuable gold watch when thrown in the water and \$16. He was early cut on the side of the face by the swinging of the boom when the boat went over.

STRANGLED TO DEATH BY ACCIDENT Young Leng, in Trying to Get a Wheelbar

row. Caught His Hend in a Rope. HACKENSAGE. Sept. 12.-Frank Lenz, the twelve-year-old son of A. L. Lenz, a butcher on Hudson street, was accidentally strangled to death by hanging to-day. The child had been in the habit of playing with a wheelbarrow, and in the habit of playing with a wheelbarrow, and for convenience in haudling it had fastened a piece of rope around the handle. This morning he was in the shed in which the wheelbarrow was standing against the wall and he got up on a meat block in order to lower it. He caught hold of the rope, which was hanging in such a way as to form a loop. His feet slipped and he fell. His head caught in the noose and in this position he was found by his father, strangled to death with his feet scarcely an inch from the ground.

A Baxter Street View of It. "Say, vahder, who was dod man Villiam Chay

greadest man in der vairit. Oh, he vos der gread man, Chakey. He vos running vor Presidend, und van he ged elegded he maig der whole gountry valt, und den der gountry seddle vor feefty cend on der boller."

AIR SHIP FLIGHT A FIRELE. The Albatross Fluttered a Bit and Dived

Into Some Trees. CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—The final test of the air ship Albatross was made yesterday afternoon by William Paul, the inventor, and proved a failure. The party of experimenters had been waiting for two weeks at Dune Park, Ind., for a favorable wind with which to test the invention, and the opportunity came yesterday. It required eight men to put the machine upon the ways. Mr. Paul climbed into the frame hull, and adjusted a rubber life buoy around his neck,

as if expecting to encounter water. At 3 o'clock the man in the air ship shouted "All off." The ropes were cut and the "bird" slid down to the end of the chute and stopped. The quartering wind had proved sufficient to arrest descent by friction of the runners against the off side.

Again the craft was placed at the top of the ways. Ropes were fastened to the bottom and four men took positions to accelerate the start with a hearty pull. The wind for a moment seemed not to come from the east and all felt sure that the moment had arrived. "Once again-let her go," sang out the in-

ventor.
A chop at the auchor rope, a swift scoot down the ways, and the Albatross was off. It was a plunge into empty space with sixty-nine feet between Mr. Paul and the level of the sandy beach ahead of him. For an instant it seeme that his craft was making for the beach. The next instant a gust straight from the east hit the Albatross and she tilted perceptibly as the

starboard wing caught the wind. The head turned to the west.

Mr. Paul shifted his weight to hold the craft for the water. He was not quick enough. Already the machine was out of its course and a plaything for the adverse current. The momentum acquired was increased by the wind striking the craft now squarely att. It darted like a hawk after quarry, wheeling still more upon its course, until it ran almost for the hill again. Not more than a hundred feet had been traversed to the west until the Albatross dropped rapidly, beat into a clump of trees, and fell. The craft rested upon its left side, with the left wing shattered, a number of ribs

smashed, and other damages. Paul was not thrown off his feet, owing to the side rails, which he clutched, but he had a bad cut over his left eye and several bruises.

The inventor says the experiment was unsuc-cessful because of the quartering northeast wind, and that but for this he would have made a flight to astonish the world.

DID THE BRYANITES BURN IT? Fire Partly Destroys a Building Descrated with a Bryan Red Fing.

WORCESTER, Mass., Sept. 27.-Fire was discovered in the five-story building at Salem square at 1:30 this morning, and a general alarm brought out all the fire apparatus to fight a bad blaze. The fire was soon drowned out, but \$45,000 damage was done by fire, smoke, and water. W. H. Burns's loss on the building, stock, and

wear business is \$40,000, and W. H. Biodgett & Co.'s loss on fruits is \$5.000. Mr. Burns's building was decorated elaborate ly with Republican mottoes during the Bryan meeting on Friday which was held directly in front of the building, and the most striking feature was a picture of Bryan on a red flag

goods in the four floors occupied by his under-

side by side with McKinley's picture on the Stars and Stripes. On Saturday Mr. Burns received a threatening letter and he was not surprised at the fire. It is believed to have been incendiary. The Fire Marshal is working on several important clues,

THE KHEDIVE'S SCHEME. He Took to Europe a Plan for the Inde-

LONDON, Sept. 27.-The Times will to-morrow publish a despatch from Cairo saying that it is currently reported in native circles that the Khedive, who recently started on a tour of

of Egypt. direction by pative officials. It is added that the Khedive while in Paris had an interview with M. Hanotaux, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs.

clares that there is foundation for the statements contained therein and that it causes disquiet. tempts being made to thwart the British reforms in Egypt, and that these attempts will

The Times, commenting on the despatch, de-

The Khedive sailed from Trieste for Egypt on Friday last. LEADVILLE STRIKE ENDED.

cause trouble unless they are checked.

The Miners Will Work at the Old Rates If the Mine Owners Will Re-employ Them, LEADVILLE, Col., Sept. 27.-The great miners' strike, which has kept Leadville in a turmoil for nearly two months and which resulted in the killing of five men on last Menday morning and the subsequent placing of the city under martial

law, is ended. A meeting of the strikers was held last night under the supervision of the militia, and, after a stormy session, it was finally decided that the nen return to work at the old schedule prices, providing the mine owners would agree to give hem their old places.

A committee of five was appointed to confer with the mine owners, and as it is generally believed that, outside of the one or two mines that have started up with non-union men, the old men will be taken back, no further troubie is expected.

APPLAUDED THEIR PASTOR. Mr. Lloyd and His Flock United in Their Opposition to Bryantsm.

The Rev. William Lloyd, pastor of the Central Congregational Church on West Fifty-seventh street, was vigorously applauded last evening. during his address on the "People's Responsibility for the Characters of their Rulers." when he announced that though he had been a Democrat since adopting this as his country he would on next election day vote for Major McKinley. When Dr. Lloyd appealed to his auditors know whether they would permit the flag to be sullied and drarged in the dust by the representative of anarchy and misrule, a storm of 'Noes" was yelled back from the audience, and vigorous applause followed the demon-

Drowned Woman Identified as Ellen Manulug.

The old woman who was found drowned on Saturday in the Wallabout basin, Brooklyn, has been identified as Ellen Manning, aged 85 years. She lived with Mrs. Smith, her married daughter, at 217 Willoughby street. A week ago she started off to visit a friend in North Portland avenue, and probably lost her way and fell into the basin.

Knocked Off His Car by an Elevated Pillar. Archibald Goodwin, a conductor, 24 years old. while collecting fares on a car of the Broadway line in Brooklyn yesterday afternoon, came into contact with an elevated railroad pillar at Broadway and Stewart street. He fell from the car and was insensible when he was picked up. An ambulance surgeon took him to St. Mary's Hospital, where it was found that Goodwin had

Milled in Her Home by a Live Wire. Atrox, Ill., Sept. 27.-During a storm here ALTON, Ill., Sept. Wr. Daring of the security Mrs. T. Is, suids touched an electric reserved a shock than the security of the

HOLYOKE COLLEGE BURN

THE MAIN BUILDING OF THE SILIUTION DESTROYED.

Fire Started Under the Gymnasium. Lack of Pire Fighting Apparatus H sulted in the Destruction of the Chi

SOUTH HADLEY, Mass., Sept. 27.-The mair building of Mount Holyoke College was de-stroyed by fire early this evening. The loss will probably amount to \$200,000.

The fire started under the gymnasium, proba-

Structure-Some Students Bomele

bly in the drying room of the laundry, and spread rapidly to the rest of the building. The fire was discovered about 4:45 c'clock, and it took until after 9 c'clock to destroy the building. There was no adequate fire protection about the building, and assistance was called from Holyoke and Northampton. Three steamers were sent from Holyoke and one from North-ampton, but as the water had to be pumped

nearly half a mile, it offered no check to the Much of the furniture and contents of the building, including a large part of the students property, was saved, and no one was injured, so

far as learned Mrs. Mead, the President of the college, was overcome by the excitement, and Miss Knapp was also overcome by excitement and was taken to the Holyoke Hospital.

The building that was burned was four stories

high and about 180 feet long, with two wings, running back about 200 feet, also four stories high, and a three-story gymnasium buildings with the laundry and machine rooms beneath. The trustees carried an insurance of about \$200,000, and the total loss will probably approximate that figure. Several of the sindents were rendered homeless, and got quarters in South Hadley. Some went to Holyoke, and others to Springfield.

The buildings that remain are the library, the Science Hall, Williston Hall, Dwight Hall, West Hall, and South Hall.

DIED IN A MIDWIFE'S HOUSE,

Midwife Drives Away-Name of Her Sup-posed Victim Not Known, A young Danish woman, known only as Miss Smith, died at 11/4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the house of Mrs. C. Becker, a midwife, at 622 East 142d street.

The young woman went to the house cor time ago, and on Sept. 16 Dr. George W. Thom son of 142 East Thirtleth street was summon son of 142 East Thirtieth street was studied to attend her. She told him she had been i in jured by falling from a bloycle. Dr. Thompson a called a Dr. Harvey in consultation, and the state of the sta Smith" improved until yesterday, Smith" improved until yesterday,
About 11 o'clock yesterday morning, IK
Thompson was asked to hurry to the housto

When he reached there he found the glad dring. He at once went to a drug sto want telephoned to the Coroner's office for a (proper to take the girl's ante mortem statement. his return to the house he found that M: Becker had ordered her horse and carriage at driven away. The girl died in his presente " When Coroner Fitzpatrick arrived at t house he found it in charge of Mrs. Becker's 1

house he found it in charge of Mrs. Becker's 1/
year-old daughter, who recently married a rf D.
named Kaufman. She answered his quest'
only after consulting with a Nellie Fitzpatra
Coroner Fitzpatrick Gecided to harg.
Kaufmann and the other wor an
They were taken to the Morrisay, statdetained as witnesses. The glade ho;
learn who the dead girl was from a dru
near Mrs. Becker's house, who has
that he knew the man responsible for
girl's condition. They think that they wi
able to catch Mrs. Becker, whom they con'
responsible for the girl's death.

A CHILD SNATCHED FROM DEA: She Was Senenth the Fender of a

Had it not been for the presence of mine Policeman Joseph Kirschner of Hoboken terday, little 3-year-old Sophie Otterstedt Europe, where he travelled incognito, took with 111 Monroe street in that city would have bt is inq him the draft of a scheme for the independence crushed to death under the wheels of a troll put 2: car of the Jersey City, Hoboken and Rutherfor Railway. Sophie was playing with some other children, shortly after 11 o'clock yesterday morning, at First and Monroe streets, abo

half a block from her home. Just as trolley car 64 came along on First street on its way to the ferry she started to run across the street in front of it. The car was in charge of Motorman Adolph Ross. It was moving rapidly, and Ross, who saw that the child's life was in peril, made every effort to stop it hour was unable to do so. When the child reached the middle of the track she turned and, becoming bewildered, started to run back. In a moment she was struck by the fender of the motor and tossed in the air. The fender on the car was about a foot above the pavement, and when the child fell it passed over her. Her head and shoulders rested on the rack and her legs stuck out at the side.

When the child was struck Policeman Kirschner was standing on the northeast corner of Firsh street, a few yards away. He made a rush to rescue the child and snatched her from beneath the fender. Sophie was attended by a physician, but no marks were found on her body execept a bruise on the back of the head. across the street in front of it. The car was in

RUN DOWN BY BICYCLISTS. Two Persons Injured in Madison Avenue-Cyclist Brenks His Leg.

Catherine Gilligan, 60 years old, of 253 Week Fiftleth street, was run down yesterday after-tion at Fifty-eighth street and Madison avenue by ...mon Burton of 111 Huron street, Greens point, L. I., a bicyclist, who struck her with his wheel when turning out from behind a wagon. He could not stop his wheel in time to prevent running her down, so she refused to make a complaint against him. She wastaken to the Flower Hospital to have a scalp wound which she had sustained treated.

The leg of Robert Bennett, 76 years old, of 608 Sixth avenue, was broken at the thigh years down the state of the footy-third street. Faul Short, 28 years old, of Froy-third street. Faul Short, 28 years old, of Brooklyn, N. Y., the wheelman, ran into Bennett while he was picking his way through a gathering of wagons and carriages. Short was arrested and locked up by the police of the Grand Central Station, and Bennett was taken to the Flower Hospital.

John Dunn, 34 years old, of 244 East Eighty, sixth street, a real estate broker, while riding a wheel on Van Courtlandt avenue, Kingsbridge, I fell off and broke his leg. He was taken to the Fordham Hospital. He could not stop his wheel in time to prevent

DR. STEWART O. HECTOR MISSING.

but Has Lived in Rahway Latterly. The police of this city were asked yesterday to send out a general alarm for Dr. Stewart O. Hector, who has been missing from his home in Rahway since Friday, when he took a train for New York, taking with him his large St.

for New York, taking with him his large St. Bernard dog. He also took a considerable amount of money with him. He wore a checkered gray suit and black derby hat. He were eyerlasses, is fleshy, and has a sandy mountable.

He formerly practised medicine in Brooklya and resided there. He has not been practising for a year. It was his habit to go to New York on business occasionally and to return the same day. He had not been well on Friday, and several citizens who saw him before he took the train thought he acted queerly. He is about 50 years old and made his home with his mother-law, Mrs. Thomas Smith. He had ha no difference with his wife, but before goin away he made a remark to a friend that woul seem to indicate that he was incensed at some thing that some one had either said or done a him.

Lost Their Way on a Mountain. BAR HARBOR, Me., Sept. 27.-Dr. E. A. of Philadelphia and Mrs. John Minturn of fork started to ascend Green Mountain subdown. At 8 o'clock, they having appear, men with lanterns and hor search through the mountain. We to the village, a searching party a and a general slarm was spread town. They were found at \$10.